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Missing man's family reportedly sees psychic

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CORVALLIS — Family members and friends of Glen Edwin Johnston, a 41-year-old Corvallis real estate broker missing since April 13, have consulted a psychic about his disappearance.

However, police said last night that no new leads or information about the puzzling disappearance of Johnston had yet turned up.

AN ACQUAINTANCE of Johnston's, a coast real estate broker who maintains a home in Corvallis, said family members last week brought notes in Johnston's handwriting to a psychic. He said the psychic told them Johnston was alive, somewhere between Astoria, Ore., and Vancouver, Wash.

The acquaintance asked not to be identified, saying he doesn't "want to get involved in this thing."

However, Johnston's employer, Lee Grant, verified that the family had consulted a psychic in a last hope that some clue would be revealed.

FBI agents moved into the case last week after a Corvallis newspaper received a note postmarked in San Jose, Calif., claimed Johnston had been killed. The note threatened death to all CIA agents, implying that the Navy veteran had some connection with that agency.

FBI agents in Oregon and CIA officials at agency headquarters in Langley, Va., refused to say whether Johnston had ever had CIA ties.

Johnston left work Monday morning, April 13, saying that he was going to the coast to show a house in Agate Beach to a man named John Smith.

AT THE house, a one-story cabin overlooking the ocean north of Newport, someone had scrawled in soap or wax on the sliding glass doors the words: "Home, California." Police found no trace of a John Smith or Johnston, however.

Friends searched the area between Corvallis and Agate Beach by airplane but had no more success than the FBI or Corvallis detectives.

Corvallis police ask that anyone with information about Johnston or his light blue Mercedes diesel sedan, Oregon license ANK 334, call the detective division at 757-6975.

JOHNSTON'S EMPLOYER says the family is preparing to "go through his bank accounts" on Monday to settle his financial affairs.

Benton County Circuit Judge Richard Mengler appointed Johnston's wife, Barbara, conservator of his estate Thursday. That will put her in charge of his assets.

In her petition to the court, she said there would be an "immediate threat" of possible foreclosure on real property and repossession of personal property in his absence if the conservatorship were not granted.

The petition said Johnston's holdings include rental property in Corvallis and Lebanon, a condominium in Corvallis, two trucks, a lease on the Mercedes, an option to buy property on S.W. 3rd St. in Corvallis and a family home on N.W. 15th St. The value of the property was not listed.

JOHNSTON, AN Oklahoma native, served as an operations officer on a U.S. Navy destroyer coordinating anti-submarine operations, according to his military discharge papers.

He moved to Corvallis eight years ago from California, where he had been stationed. He had worked for Lee Grant Real Estate for five years.